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**INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which was filed April 1, 2004, and having been assigned application serial no. 10/816,462.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for national phase applications, material information which became available between the date of the International Search Report and the national phase application date.

I hereby claim the following foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 365:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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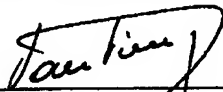
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